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Hussein sends message to Khaled

AMMAN, March 16 (JNA)—Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf returned home from Riyadh tonight after a short visit to Saudi Arabia during which he was received by King Khaled. The meeting was attended by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, Minister of Defence and Aviation Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz and Dr. Rashid Faruqi, King Khaled's Special Adviser. Sharif Abdul Hamid conveyed to King Khaled a message from His Majesty King Hussein dealing with recent developments in the region. He also held talks with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. Upon his return to Amman, Sharif Abdul Hamid said the message to King Khaled aimed at "the exchange of views between the two countries and the coordination of their stands in the light of common Arab interests".

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Arafat arrives here Saturday

March 16 (Agencies)—Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat will arrive in Amman tomorrow, according to reports. The official Jordan News (JNA) said Mr. Arafat was expected to see His Majesty King Hussein and his top aides to discuss latest Middle East developments in the light of the projected peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians. In an interview with JNA in Damascus, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, Yasser Arafat, said the PLO would cooperate and coordinate their efforts to ensure the realization of the Arab legitimate rights.

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Israeli military presence forces calm in Halhul

HALHUL, Occupied West Bank, March 16 (AP)—A heavy Israeli military presence enforced calm today as memorial services were held for two Palestinians shot dead during a stone-throwing riot protesting the Egyptian separate peace treaty.

Two victims matched the weapon on one of the soldiers involved in the incident, the sources claimed. The army was on a strict alert, whether the soldier was right in opening fire at the demonstrators. Most of the West Bank was unexpectedly quiet today for the first time in a week. The only incident reported was a stone-throwing riot in Ramallah, where Israeli soldiers in Ramallah were surrounded by a stone-throwing crowd. The demonstrators fled when soldiers fired into the air.

Participation by armed settlers in suppressing Arab demonstrations is a manifestation on the West Bank. Three days ago, settlers with guns stormed into Ramallah and fired in the air to frighten away Arab rioters. Armies of automatic weapons and pistols are common in Jewish settlements around the West Bank.

The influx of settlers to the West Bank and the lack of a Palestinian settlement in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty were the main factors which brought West Bank Arabs out onto the streets this week. Security authorities had been expecting increased violence today, the Muslim Sabbath. They were surprised to see that attendance at mosques in "flashpoint" towns such as Hebron was smaller than usual.

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Fully armed Israeli soldiers searching a car and frisking an Arab citizen at a road block outside Halhul on the occupied West Bank on Friday. (AP Wirephoto)

Khomeini blocks further executions in Iran

TEHRAN, March 16 (RI)—Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini today effectively blocked further executions and suspended secret trials apparently to appease France Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Dr. Bazargan, a human rights activist under the Shah, had criticised the revolutionary tribunals which have so far ordered the execution of at least 49 officials of the toppled regime since the monarchy was overthrown last month.

Political sources said Dr. Bazargan was incensed over the night-time trial of ex-Premier Amir Abbas Hoveyda, the Shah's right-hand man for 14 years, which began at Tehran's main court early yesterday. Mr. Hoveyda was arrested under the monarchy last November, two months after quitting his post as court minister.

The "Voice of the Revolution" radio today broadcast an order from the 78-year-old Ayatollah promising that the revolutionary tribunals would come under government supervision.

In practice, the order suspended all trials by the special courts until new regulations had been drawn up by the secret revolutionary council, which the Ayatollah is believed to head.

The Ayatollah's decision followed a wave of executions by firing squads of at least 49 high and low-ranking officials of the Shah and 16 men convicted of sexual offences.

The latest Shah official to be executed was a policeman shot today in the holy city of Qom, 150 kilometres south of Tehran.

President Sadat says peace process starts after signing treaty

HEBREW, March 16 (AP)—President Anwar Sadat said he believed Mr. Begin now recognised that the real peace process would start only after the signing of the treaty.

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To seek support for Egypt-Israel peace pact

Top-level U.S. team heads for Mideast

WASHINGTON, March 16 (R)—A top-level U.S. team headed by National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski left for the Middle East today in a move designed to seek vital support for the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The team will go first to Saudi Arabia and then Jordan. It may also travel to other capitals in the Arab world, where there has been an outcry against the treaty, and

concentrately also stop in some European countries on the way home. State Department Spokesman Tom Reston said.

The delegation includes President Carter's son, Chip, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. David Jones.

The new mission comes amid increasing outbursts against the treaty by many Arabs, including those living on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Mr. Reston said the West Bank demonstrations were "a source of great regret" to the United States. He described as tragic the death of two young people, both Palestinians, during the protests.

As Mr. Brzezinski and the other officials left Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, a series of discussions opened between Israeli, Egyptian and U.S. officials on financial and military aspects of the treaty.

Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, who arrived in Washington last night, had a 40-minute meeting at the Pentagon with Defence Secretary Harold Brown and said later he expected Israeli and Egyptian

leaders to sign the treaty in 100 days. He said he was satisfied with his talks, in which Mr. Brown told him the United States was prepared to make a substantial financial contribution to Israel's future military needs.

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USSR urges sanctions against Israel

UNITED NATIONS, March 16 (RI)—The Soviet Union said last night it would support sanctions against Israel if it failed to comply with Security Council decisions regarding the occupied Arab territories.

Soviet representative Oleg Tronovskiy also denounced the projected Egyptian-Israeli agreement during the continuing council debate on the territories.

"The course of separate deals in no way leads to universal peace as the participants in the trilateral talks have vainly been trying to have believed", he said, referring to the U.S.-aided negotiations between Egypt and Israel.

This course diverted attention from the task of achieving a comprehensive and just settlement and was designed to supplant it by partial decisions which were "beneficial and advantageous only to the aggressor and the forces which support him," he said.

The Soviet Union wholeheartedly supported proposals made by various speakers, including

Arabs, which called for the council to condemn Israel's policy in the occupied territories and to demand the cessation and rescinding of the "illegal actions which have previously been carried out in these territories."

He also backed calls for the council to set up a special body to see that its decisions were implemented. The Soviet Union was ready to support sanctions against Israel under provisions of the U.N. Charter "if there is further non-compliance by Israel with decisions of the Security Council."

Referring to the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations, Ambassador Tronovskiy said that over the past few days "we have witnessed the conversion of the Camp David plot into a separate agreement which can only have as its result ever more firm entrenchment for Israel of the fruits of its aggression against the Arab states."

The "so-called autonomy" on the West Bank of the Jordan and in Gaza was in fact annexation, he said.

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Sceptical Gaza Mayor Rashad Al Shawwa: 'Autonomy is another name for occupation'

By Arik Bachar

GAZA, Gaza Strip, March 16—A dozen years under Israeli occupation have made Gaza Mayor Rashad Al Shawwa a sceptical man. Therefore, indications over the past week that a Middle East peace could materialise soon raised none of his hopes that his Palestinian people might be nearer to independence after centuries of foreign rule.

The totally unexpected breakthrough in peace talks is now almost certain to lead to the signing of an Egyptian-Israeli separate peace treaty next week.

But Mayor Shawwa smiles bitterly when anybody suggests that the autonomy plan envisaged for the occupied Gaza Strip would do anything to change the life and future of its 400,000 inhabitants.

"Autonomy is merely another name for occupation," he said. "Prime Minister Menachem Begin has stripped the autonomy of any true meaning."

"An autonomy such as the one defined by Mr. Begin, which will not lead to Palestinian self-determination, immediately ceases to be an autonomy," he said.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has suggested that autonomy is first established in the Gaza Strip to serve as a model for the occupied West Bank of the River Jordan.

Mayor Shawwa has the endless number of foreign powers that have ruled his town, dominating this Strip stretching along the Mediterranean

Since the very early days of the Ottomans, we could not master our own lives," he said. "British, Egyptians, Israelis and many others were always around to do what they pleased."

With such a past, Mr. Shawwa foresees a gloomy future for the Strip.

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The draft Egyptian-Israeli accord calls for negotiations with Palestinians on occupied territories for the establishment of a self-rule council. Mayor Shawwa does not believe such a council will have the popular support of the Palestinians.

"But of course, Israel can impose the plan with the help of the United States, just as it imposed its occupation with U.S. arms and funds," he said.

Mr. Shawwa is certain that no influential leader on the West Bank or in Gaza would be willing to talk to the Israelis. It is agreed amongst Arabs

here that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is the only group empowered to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians. "We think it is strange that the United States—the biggest democracy on earth—denies the Palestinians their right to choose their own representatives," he said.

"Someone may come and say that the PLO is a terrorist organisation. But what was Mr. Begin before there was a state of Israel? Wasn't he the main terrorist in the area?"

Mr. Shawwa sent President Sadat a letter immediately after President Carter succeeded in his peace efforts this week, urging him to ensure self-determination for the Palestinians.

"This is the only way a Middle East peace can ever be a durable one," he said.

He said that President Sadat's future would be in danger if a separate peace was reached between Israel and Egypt.

"He may last for a year or so, but not more," he said.

While rejecting the proposed self-rule, Mayor Shawwa made clear that he and the rest of the Palestinians would accept any plan that would assure them of independence, "even in several years' time."

"That is the only thing we are after," he declared.

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The reason why

IN THE INEVITABLE aftermath of the announcement that the signing of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is imminent, it is useful to step back a few paces and put the entire picture into proper perspective.

There are many reasons why the majority of the Arab people cannot accept the formula with the U.S., Egypt and Israel have devised. The proposed treaty, and the American custodial role which it entails, present very different dangers to the range of people whom it will affect: to the Egyptians, it means being removed from the common Arab ranks and possibly deprived of their historic inter-relationship with the rest of the Arab World; to Israel's Arab neighbours, it means Israel can re-arm and refuel itself with impunity, while not budging from the occupied territories; to the Palestinians, above all, it represents a conspiracy to deprive them of their God-given national rights.

Within the broader contexts of Middle East stability and superpower competition, the treaty also promises to shift the balance to the ultimate detriment of all those who believe that this region must be kept free of outside interference and Big Power rivalry.

Above all, for those who seek a just, honourable and lasting peace, it threatens -- by leaving so much to the discretion of an Israel which has demonstrated that its voracious appetite for expansion and for the perpetual subjugation of the Arab population living under its sway is not sated -- to set this cause back 30 years or more.

Out of all these concerns, however, it is best to keep always in mind the basic reason why this treaty, and this approach to peace, is unacceptable. This is the fact that the inhabitants of the occupied territories -- people living under alien military rule in their own land, whose children and born as foreigners in the land of their forefathers -- are being forced to accept a spurious form of "autonomy" which aims to ensure that they shall never be masters of their own destiny. No other people in history, even those who were born, grew up and died under colonial rule, have ever been faced with such a prospect. While the world manages, with time, to satisfy itself that Palestinian aspirations are being met, a people shall remain nationless.

Except that they won't, of course, because the struggle will go on.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I FRIDAY SAYS THAT His Majesty King Hussein's Cabinet address on Thursday was delivered in order to wake up a world unresponsive to the reality of the Middle East problem by the Camp David separate peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. The paper goes on to say that what is going on under the guise of making a peace treaty is far more serious than any other event which has taken place in the last three decades; this is mainly because the Camp David agreement is aimed at allowing Israel to swallow up the occupied Arab lands, obliterating the Arab and Islamic landmarks in Jerusalem, uprooting the rightful owners of Palestine and then kicking them out of their homes to suffer future uncertainties.

His Majesty's speech stressed the need for coordinated Arab and international action to put an end to the deterioration of conditions for Palestinians in the occupied territories; and for the Arabs to lead such a move, with the purpose of laying the foundations for a just and durable peace. Arabs should first of all heal the split in their ranks; put an end to the wars in southern Lebanon and the two Yemens, and finally they should quickly start building up their military strength to the level where it will be capable of dealing with the changed military situation created by the exit of Egypt from the ranks of the confrontation states. The Arabs must find the means to stand fast in the face of the Camp David plans which are designed to impose a fait accompli solution on the Middle East, the paper concludes.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying a photo exhibit on "80 Years of French Cinema" during regular hours.

Theatre

The Amman Players present Cary's "Candied Peel" directed by Kitty Ephgrave. Curtain rises at 8:30 p.m. at the Jordan Theatre on Jabal Luweibdeh.

French Film Festival

The French Cultural Centre presents a film festival at the Rainbow Cinema at 8:30 p.m. Tonight's film is Pierre Schoendoerffer's "Le crabe tambour." Tickets are available at the Centre.

Concert

Mr. Masao Hino is performing on a Yamaha Electone (organ) at Gi. Rho. Ma. stores, New Insurance Bldg., from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

International School walk raises JD 1,000

Text and photos
by Lee S. Tesdell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 16--The first walker to register his name was Jason Seward, a student in Class 5 at the International Community School (I.C.S.). The event, held in the hills to the northeast of Amman this morning, was organised to raise money for equipment for the new school building to be put up at Khilda, the starting point for the trek. Among the distinguished walkers were Crown Prince Hassan and Mr. Abu Nuwwar, Mayor of Amman.

Jason was one of about 300 enthusiastic souls who wended their way through green fields of wheat, lentils and spring wild flowers to the walk's destination, the Royal Automobile Club near the 8th circle where a barbecue awaited the determined and faithful. For the adults it was a time to get much needed exercise and have a chat with friends, for the children it was a time for a good romp in the out-of-doors and for all it was a community effort on behalf of a good cause: education of children from the international community in Jordan. The present student body is composed of 27 nationalities.

"It is simply wonderful...it is a good example for other schools...I have two daughters who walked," Prince Hassan commented to the Jordan Times during the walk. Both of his children attend the I.C.S. Prince Hassan, dressed in jaunty walking clothes, set a lively pace for the rest of us. He was greeted along the way by a group of villagers, whose offer of coffee he couldn't refuse.

Amman's Mayor Ma'an Abu Nuwwar told the Jordan Times that he was pleased to see the large crowd. It included a number of his own children who attend the I.C.S. "It's especially nice," he said, "to see His Royal Highness Prince Hassan with us." Mr. Abu Nuwwar urged his children on as he skillfully picked his own way through the rocks.

Each person who decided to

participate in the walk was to sign up as many sponsors as possible. The sponsor would pledge a sum of money to be paid to the walker if he completed the walk. Roy Blackman, the organiser of the walk, told the Jordan Times at the starting point that "we're trying to raise a large amount of money." Originally, he said, "it was to have been a small walk...but in the past week the response has quadrupled." At the completion of the walk, Mr. Shekar Rayasam, the treasurer of the effort said that "around JD 1,000" had been collected.

Other events are to be held later in the year to raise funds for school equipment. To be included are a school ball and a bazaar in May.

Ramzi Hijawi, a student at I.C.S. and a walker, managed to arrange donors to the tune of JD 368. Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and Royal Arab Supply were the sources for the donations he told the Jordan Times.

An unusual yet productive walker was Bonzo, a fleet four-legged, who brought in about JD 20 for the cause according to his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Tatum. Mr. Tatum is the chairman of the board of I.C.S.

Mike Curtis, head of the Parent Teacher's Association at the school, commenting on the long line of walkers stretching over the hill said, "the public response went beyond our wildest expectations." The organisation of the walk took about a month. The money will be used specifically for books, sports equipment and playground accessories. The land for the school itself has been selected and bought, but construction has not yet begun.

Those responsible for the walk agreed that the main point of the event, other than fund-raising, was strengthening of community spirit amongst the families who send their children to the I.C.S. One of the hardest working volunteers was Doreen Campbell, who registered the names of each walker who completed the trek. Her final tally was 295 people, 3 dogs, 2 lizards and a tortoise. As

far as we were able to ascertain, there were no hares to compete against the lone turtle.

As people enjoyed their picnic food, winners of a raffle were announced. Twelve prizes were distributed to holders of the lucky numbers. Winners were distributed evenly among the nationalities. Roy Blackman told us that the "culinary arts department" had prepared 40 chickens, 15 kilos of steak and over 400

sausages as well as salad and bread. Ten crates of beer and 20 crates of soft drinks quenched thirsts. The Jordan Dairy Company, Ltd. donated 200 one-quarter litre containers of fresh milk for children, as well as the use of one of their refrigerated trucks. Mr. Sven Waage, factory manager at the Russcifeh plant, explained that he has a child in the I.C.S. His wife, Lilian Waage-Jensen, a trained nurse, took care of the first

aid and lost child centre, though thankfully she didn't have much to do. "I'm just helping today," she explained modestly.

Mrs. Waage-Jensen told us that Kirstie, who had walked the entire distance of five kilometres and was resting on the cot in the first aid tent may have been coming down with an illness before the walk.

Mr. Bassam Al-Saket, a parent of three I.C.S. students talked

with us while keeping an eye on Zein, Joanna and Khalil. He especially enthusiastic on self-help aspect of the raising walk and the participation of the community in the "The University might be such a thing," he said.

By the looks of contentment the face of participants finishing their steaks and potato salad event was more than mere financial success.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan nears the end of the 5 kilometre walk. Several times he stopped to check the progress of his fellow walkers, few of whom could keep up his pace.



First aid nurse Lilian Waage-Jensen and her patient Kirstie

Masao Hino 'electrifies' Arabic music and other

By Fawzia Mai
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 16--Mr. Masao Hino is a top Japanese performer on a space-age instrument known as an "electone". The electronic organ inspired its name but it is much more than the name implies as Mr. Hino has been demonstrating during his present four-day visit to Jordan.

Mr. Hino's first performances brought an enthusiastic reaction from Amman's music lovers. Over 500 students at the College de la Salle (Freres) sang and clapped along in rhythm with Arabic melodies Mr. Hino had only just learnt.

Tired but still smiling, Mr. Hino talked to the Jordan Times, reluctantly about his life, but ardently about his music.

Masao Hino was born in Tokyo in 1945, the only child of a very musical father who played not only the piano and the electronic organ, but also the "biwa", a Japanese "ud-like instrument that was originally introduced to Japan from Persia.

Mr. Hino's first aspiration was to become a classical concert pianist. At the age of eight he started to devote his time and effort to playing the piano, spending long exhausting hours on special finger training in addition to regular practicing. He was an electronic organ for the first time when he was 13. It wasn't until six years later, however, that he started playing the electone seriously. At age 21 he decided to become a professional organist.

He tried to communicate his reasons for the change in careful English: "The piano has a beautiful sound, and classical music is beautiful. But the electone not only produces piano sound, it can reproduce so many other kinds of sound as well. It is a full orchestra by itself. Also, one can express one's feelings much more readily with an electronic organ than with a piano. You can also improvise easily on the electone."

Although this is Mr. Hino's first visit to Jordan, he has tried Arabic music once before, on his trip to Cairo in 1978. As he passed through Athens on his way there, he bought a record of Arabic music and listened to it.

This time he did not bring any Arabic songs or music with him as part of his repertoire, so Mrs. Zanani, Yamaha's agent in Jordan, acted swiftly to remedy this by providing him with whatever Arabic music sheets she could lay her hands on. With admirable sight-reading, Mr. Hino learnt the melodies in five minutes. Then he set himself to improvising his own variations on them. The result, as one can deduce from the audience's excited response, seems more than satisfactory.

Mr. Hino has passed on his talent to two lovely seven-year-old twin daughters. They have been playing the piano and the organ

since age four! Another child (or two?) is on the way and should arrive in time to welcome its father back to Japan.

The word "electone" was coined by Yamaha to mean electronic organ. "The electone," adds Mr. Morita, Yamaha's Midwest and African Director, "is to the piano what the car is to the bicycle. It is a new instrument, made with the same technology that sends rockets to the moon. Electronic production of sound was invented only 30 years ago. The sounds may be strange, but playing it is a challenge to the new era's musician."

Mr. Hino's last public performance in Jordan will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Gi. Rho. Ma. music school at the 3rd circle.



A musical family in traditional Japanese kimono: Mr. Hino's wife and his 7-year-old twin daughters also play the piano and the electronic organ.

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(Week of March 17-23)

EXHIBITS

WEDNESDAY, March 17: A one-man show featuring the graphics of Tahia opens for six days at the Arab Cultural Centre. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily.

THURSDAY, March 20: A poster and photo exhibition depicting the life of the German Democratic Republic goes on view at the month at the GDR Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY, March 21: An exhibition by Damascus artist Ismael opens with a 6 p.m. reception at the Soviet Cultural Centre. This is the second one-man show. Mr. Ismael has had in this year. The award-winning artist is a graduate of the Faculty of Fine Arts at Damascus University. His graphics hang in various national museums.

SATURDAY, March 22: Outstanding paintings produced during the career of the late Naim Ismael are on view at Thursday at the National Museum. Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily except Tuesday. More than 30 oil paintings by Mohammad Daba'n, a self-artist from Hama, are on view at Al Shab Gallery to March 23. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 4:30 - 8 p.m. daily. Lithographs, contemporary titles, an exhibit of more works by noted French artists at the French Cultural Centre continues to Tuesday. Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m. daily.

LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, March 19: "The Life and Creations of Vladimir Zain and Mai Al-Zain" will be the topic of Prof. Araf Hadifa at 6 p.m. at the Arab Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

THURSDAY, March 20: "Music and Songs of the Youth of the German Democratic Republic" is the title of a programme of music to be introduced by Prof. Nur Ruhbani at 6:30 the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY, March 22: "Musabhihi, un historien du Caire" will be the topic of Thierry Bantons, director of the Institute of Damascus, at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French and Arabic).

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and all its staff announce the death of Let All the People Clap" is the title of an original play written by Khalil Kubayyah which is presented nightly at 8:30 p.m. at the Meridien Hotel opposite the Meridien in Amman.

CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY, March 22: Prof. Franzpeter Goebels will perform works of Bach, Barok, Beethoven, Stockhausen and Damascene Solhi Wadi at 8:30 p.m. at Al Kabbani Theatre. The pianist is a professor at the Darmstadt Conservatory of Music in West Germany and he has taught extensively in Arab countries.

THURSDAY, March 22: Dr. Samir Daher will introduce Soviet Valentin Belchenko performing the compositions of Prokofiev at 7 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre.

VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, March 21: Animated cartoons under the title of "Anney" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

THURSDAY, March 22: "Charles Vanel" is the title of a film slated 1 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

ENTERTAINMENT

Two gloriously golden blonde sisters are performing nightly at the rooftop supper club of the Meridien Hotel. They are Jackie and Suzanne, known professionally as The Kookies. Both started dancing as children in stage school—their mother was a singer, their grandmother was a dancer and their father formed a band, the Swanee Five, in 1914. They sing and dance nearly any stage step imaginable.

FILMS

WEDNESDAY, March 17 and MONDAY, March 19: "Le Cercle" a 1970 police thriller directed by Jean-Pierre Melville Yves Montand and Bourvil, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

THURSDAY, March 18: "A Night in the Frontier Forest" titles a film shown at 6:30 p.m. at the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German, Arabic sub-titles).

FRIDAY, March 19: "The Adventures of Noca" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

SATURDAY, March 21: A documentary film about Hungary shown at 6 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

SUNDAY, March 22: "Runaway", Part II, will be shown at 6 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).



The Kookies entertain nightly at the rooftop supper club of the Meridien Hotel in Amman.



This 1970 oil by the late Naim Ismael depicts one effect of Israeli occupation of Palestine—crows instead of doves in the Mosque of Jerusalem. A one-man show of the late Syrian artist continues in Thursday at the Exhibition Hall of the National Museum of Damascus.

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If you need anything from pantyhose to fancy potholders, try to drop by the Red Crescent Society's bazaar slated from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 17, in the Meridien Hotel. As you know, funds from your purchase are going to a worthy cause.

Rumour has it that Syria's renowned painter, poet, playwright, philosopher-professor, Fatch Moudarres, has accepted an official invitation to visit India. He will be travelling — that lucky, lucky fellow — sometime in the coming two months.

There have been a series of farewell parties in Damascus the past week and many of them were in honour of J.H.A. Vinkes Melchers, second secretary of the Dutch embassy in Damascus. Mr. Melchers entertained many of his Damascus colleagues with cocktails last Saturday at his apartment where diplomatic brass was stacked elbow-to-elbow. Glimpsed in the crowd were French Ambassador Ferdinand Rouillaut and his wife, Paulo Renato Rocha Santos, Charge d' Affaires of Brazil; the Italian and Turkish ambassadors and British and German chancellors. The next evening, Francesco Lanata, the Italian Counsellor, and his wife Aurelia, gave a buffet dinner party for the departing Dutch diplomat.

Moussa Mannaeh is to be congratulated. He has performed the virtually impossible feat of successfully carrying out a surprise party in honour of his wife's birthday. Moussa, who is director of accounting for CGG (Company General Geophysique) in Damascus, sent invitations to some 30 friends and relatives explaining it was the 26th birthday of his wife, Maha Elias, and their third wedding anniversary.

Maha was rather disappointed Wednesday when her husband apparently forgot her birthday. That evening, he sent her to the beauty shop with a promise they'd have dinner later at the Meridien. Maha returned from the coiffeur's to find a houseful of guests including Terry LaRue, director of CGG, Jim and Sharon Wynn, Afifi Dahl, Sarkis Nazari and his beautiful wife Zakieh Nouri, Mary Laham and Albert Nader — the latter are from Maha's employer, Pecten Syria Co. Also on hand were Alain Gamais and his wife, Maha's Palestinian in-laws, Edward Mannaeh, Georgina Kamar and Rima Suzanne, were responsible for all the marvelous Arabic delicacies.

A final SO 5 is being sent by this columnist for news of a room with telephone in Damascus. If you have knowledge of any such workable living arrangements, please notify Pat McDonnell immediately at P.O.B. 5601, Central Post Office, Damascus, Syria.

Bodies of Jordanian air crash victims returned to Amman



Bodies of Jordanians who died in the Alia crash being unloaded from the plane that brought them from Doha.

AMMAN, March 16 (J.T.)—The bodies of Jordanian victims of the Alia plane crash at Doha airport last Wednesday morning were brought here today by the airline, an official Alia spokesman said today.

The investigation into the circumstances of Alia's first air disaster of a regularly scheduled flight is continuing. It will be about two weeks before a full scenario can be drawn and conclusions made on the cause of the crash. Wednesday night, Alia chairman and president Ali Ghundour, returned from a fact-finding mission to Doha airport in Qatar and told reporters the airline was satisfied with the heli that extremely bad weather and a severe down-draft caused the plane to crash as it tried to abort its second landing attempt in driving rain. He said there appeared to be no errors by the captain or airport control tower.

Mother and Child Centres try to cope

By Alan Martiny

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 13—As part of a three and a half year programme to up-grade the quality and quantity of Mother and Child Health (MCH) centres in Jordan, nine new centres will be opened and fully equipped this year.

"This is part of a programme supported by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)," Dr. Tawfiq Lubani, Deputy Director of MCH centres, told the Jordan Times this week. "The project began two years ago and aims to open six new centres each year."

In 1977 ten new centres were opened, however, last year none were. With the nine new centres planned for this year there will be a total of 60 centres in the country.

"Some of the centres are financed from the budget of the UNFPA and others by the Ministry of Health," Dr. Lubani said. "The centres provide pregnant women, and children up to five years of age with treatment and regular health services, free of charge provided they are registered with the centre." Any woman can register by merely going to one of the centres and filling out an application form.

Each centre has its own staff of at least one qualified midwife, an assistant nurse and maid. A doctor pays regular visits to the centre twice a week for supervision and treatment of special cases. The centres are mainly geared to helping mothers deliver babies in their homes.

One of the main factors determining when the new centres will open is the availability of midwives. Dr. Lubani noted, as there is a shortage of them. "This is our most difficult problem," he added. Most of the 51 centres have one, but some have two. There are seven MCH centres in Amman, each staffed with two midwives. In addition, the main centre in Amman, located on Jabal Ashratieh, has eight.

Iraqi commercial delegation due in Amman

AMMAN, March 16 (JNA)—An Iraqi commercial delegation headed by Director of the Exports Department Mr. Fuad Abdulmajied is due here tomorrow for a three-day visit to Jordan.

The delegation will hold discussions with officials at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in order to develop economic cooperation and expand the volume of trade between Jordan and Iraq.

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The search is on to find new ways to combat six target diseases which are endemic in tropical countries. The World Health Organisation is devoting \$25.5m to research this year with a special accent on carrying out the work in the worst-hit countries.

By Thomas Land

GENEVA—The United Nations World Health Organisation (WHO) has launched an international programme intended to eradicate six tropical diseases affecting or threatening more than 100 million people which may only lead to field trials.

"There has been a very rapid, if not explosive, scientific and epidemiological growth of the programme," the director-general of WHO Dr. H. H. Mahler recently told a financial conference in Geneva which ended by earmarking \$25.5 million for research and development in 1979. The scheme has been viewed this year in the context of WHO's global strategies during its annual conference of the organisation's executive board.

The six diseases have acquired considerable economic importance by slowing down industrial development in Third World countries. In many places, par-

ticularly in Africa, man-made lakes and irrigation schemes intended to improve living conditions have in fact altered the local ecology for the worse and aggravated major disease problems. The malaria-carrying mosquito, for example, thrives in such an environment while many of its strains are developing resistance to pesticides used for their control.

A spokesman for the World Bank, which recently joined the co-ordinating board of the global health project, comments that the development of manpower and the strengthening of research institutions in the endemic countries of the tropics are intimately related to the search for fresh medical tools. The World Bank now places special emphasis on integrating preventive and curative measures into all development schemes which it finances in these areas.

The scheme is unusual in its heavy involvement of the developing countries in the solution of

The end in sight?

their own health problems while ensuring, through its businesslike management system, that the entire global scientific community is participating in a collective endeavour. The programme is concerned with training both leaders of research and supporting staff in the laboratory, clinic and field of the most affected countries—of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The six principal targets of the programme are: malaria, which is currently spreading at a dangerous rate and which kills more than a million children a year in Africa alone; schistosomiasis or bilharzia, an insidious and debilitating disease caused by tiny worms spread mainly by fresh-water snails; filariasis including onchocerciasis, leading to blindness, general ill health and lack of vitality; trypanosomiasis or sleeping sickness transmitted by African tsetse fly or Chagas disease in its Latin American form which can kill through heart failure; leishmaniasis, whose manifestations range from disfiguring

cutaneous lesion to fatal systematic infections called kala-azar; leprosy, a dreaded communicable disease associated with poverty, which has shown increasing resistance to common drug treatment. Since several major scientific problems which must be solved apply to most or all of these diseases, the programme includes common activities on epidemiology, operational research, vector control and socio-economic and bio-medical research.

The programme was launched two years ago, intended to be a continuous effort for 20 years or more. But some of its early benefits in new drugs, diagnostic tests, vaccines, pesticides and other public health tools are expected in the foreseeable future. One such early achievement may well be an experimental vaccine against malaria. Scientists are also approaching the development of vaccines against leprosy and schistosomiasis.

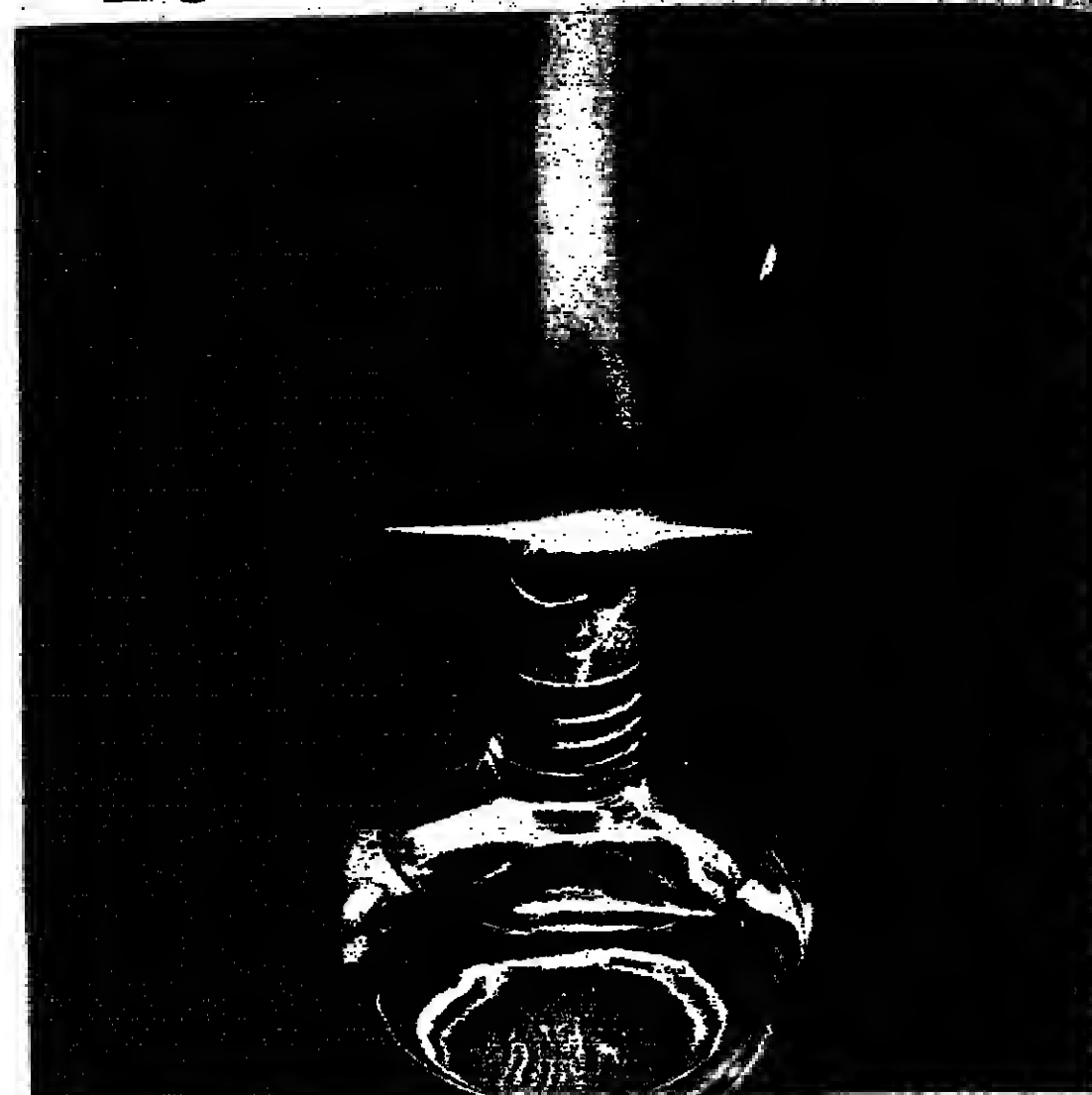
Dr. Mahler says that in the past the rich countries tended to be the principal beneficiaries of the

global health programmes which they financed, but all the world's peoples are to benefit from this one. He argues that the technology developed by the programme, in its broadly-based framework of research, may well have a much greater and more immediate impact on public health in the developing countries than anything achieved before.

It is increasingly felt that research should be performed within the tropical countries themselves for immediate and long-term reasons. The biochemistry of a parasite, the synthesis of a new drug or even a disease simulated in an animal model can certainly be studied wherever the means are available. But only where the diseases are rampant can scientists begin to understand the crucial interaction between the human being and the infective agent that determines whether a person will be healthy or sick.

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Remote combustion—The wick of an alcohol lamp ignites as an argon-fluoride laser beam passes just above it at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico. Researchers discovered that if the wick is hit directly ignition either is imperfect or

will not occur. The experiment was part of a study for possible uses of lasers in heat-treating processes. A flame went out in a coal gasifier, for example, as electronic eye could sense the problem and a laser pulse could relight it immediately, using a total remote system. (L.C.A.)

The illogical world of cinema

By Nigel Andrews

Many are the forms of madness which grip the cinema in different degrees for different reasons. What seems crazy to one generation of filmgoers appears to a later one to have been prophetic sanity; the first talkies, filming in colour, the coming of the wide screen.

Sometimes, on the other hand, the madness is just madness. Will any living filmmaker who remembers them defend such fly-by-night follies as Circoloma or S-D?

Today's cinema has its own special lunacy, and it is called sequel-mania. What will future generations make of an age in which virtually no successful movie can be made without a spin-off version following in its wake? Is it a trend that history will confirm or repudiate?

You can pluck a dozen examples of the sequel phenomenon from recent memory—Jaws 2, Omen 2, Force Ten from Navarone, to name but three. In case you think that the trend may be on a downward curve, there are a dozen more examples in the pipeline. Superman 2 is already in production at Britain's Pinewood Studios, and ten miles away, in North London's Elstree Studios, Star Wars is getting ready to

The last few years has seen a new phenomenon established in the film business. Successful films like Jaws and Star Wars increasingly spawn spin-offs in the form of sequels or "prequels".

reproduce itself in a sequel called The Empire Strikes Back.

Others in a plethora of forthcoming spin-offs include Oliver's Story (the Story Part Two), Airport '79, Concordia, Bush and Sundance, The Early Days, Beyond the Pyramids Adventure and Omen 3.

What does it all mean? Is it simply a case of the cinema running for cover in sure-fire, infinitely repeatable subject? If so, why has it chosen the 1970s to pursue this policy?

Previous movie history is strewn with examples of smash-hit films that no-one thought of "following up". Successful movies might have been remade—there are at least three versions of The Front Page and four of Anna Karenina—but the idea of manufacturing a narrative continuation, of turning a single film into the first instalment of a mini-series, is actually new to the 1970s.

Today, not content with extending the story of a previous film into an imaginary future, film-makers are winding back to an imaginary past and producing "prequels".

Star Wars Two will, strictly speaking, not be a sequel but a prequel: it deals with intergalactic events that took place before the story of Star Wars One.

Meanwhile, original projects fall by the wayside and the cry goes up in Hollywood, "Old subjects for new." But is the spin-off phenomenon really a curse rather than a blessing? In commercial terms, it certainly is not. The "follow up" is probably the strongest weapon the cinema has yet found in its perennial battle with television.

Television's natural advantage has always been its cosiness: not only the cosiness of the viewer's being sequestered in his own living-room, but the cosiness of continuity. Nearly all the popular programme on TV are either series or serials. They "hook" the viewer with a soothing irresistibility that the cinema has never before been able to match. Now, with the discovery of the spin-off, it can. Creative vitality, it can also be said, has never—in any artistic field at any age—been dependent on originality of story material.

Even Shakespeare and Racine seldom came up with a wholly original subject. Like alchemists, they had the power to take common metal and turn it to gold.

Likewise, a film-maker with real talent can use familiar materials—materials whose power to charm or enthrall has already been proved on the "market"—to express his own vision and transmit his own ideas.

Superman, Omen, Exorcist, Jaws... Almost everywhere one looks in the commercial cinema today, one has a flash of déjà vu. If films are not derived from an immediate movie predecessor, they are often plucked from older forerunners—King Kong—or from hallowed examples of a visual form that is the nearest equivalent to motion pictures, the comic-strip.

Will there be a Shakespeare of the sequel, or a Racine of the spin-off? One can take heart from the fact that in at least two outstanding cases a film's sequel has been superior to its original. Godfather 2 had subtler shadings and a more engrossing story than Godfather 1, and French Connection 2 added to the thrills and spills of the original a harrowing effective study of drug addiction.

It is probably a film critic's pipe dream, but one would love to see a

great modern film-maker—Antonioni or Bergman or Altman—let loose on a spin-off movie to see what sparks could fly in a form of film-making that is obviously here to stay.

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Deismold, W. Germany—German bread, baked in more than 200 tasty varieties, is regularly analysed for nutritional value both regionally and at a grain processing research institute in Deismold. There, a dozen scientists bake bread for a living. Foodstuff chemists also take a closer look at other products. (DaD).



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CENTO collapses as Turkey withdraws

ANKARA, March 16 (R)—The Central Treaty Organisation (CENTO), the western Asian defence alliance set up in 1955, collapsed yesterday after Turkey joined Iran and Pakistan in pulling out.

The government of Premier Bülent Ecevit announced Turkey's withdrawal after a special cabinet meeting, leaving Britain on paper as the only remaining full member of CENTO. The United States is an associate member.

The cabinet announcement made clear that the alliance was being wound up. It said: "The government has decided to make the necessary initiatives at CENTO headquarters (here) to terminate CENTO."

The alliance was formed 24 years ago with Iraq among its founder members and was at first known as the Baghdad Pact. But Iraq withdrew in 1959, and the pact had been largely dormant as a

military alliance in recent years. Pakistan announced on Monday that it had left CENTO and Iran followed suit the next day.

CENTO's Turkish Secretary General Kamuran Gurun said later that he thought the alliance's headquarters in this capital's bustling old town would close shortly.

Mr. Ecevit said before the

Iran expels U.S. activist Schoenman

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Government spokesman Amir

Entezam told a press conference that Mr. Schoenman left by plane for London this morning. "We lost our temper. We couldn't put up with him any more," he added.

Mr. Entezam said Kate Millett who has been campaigning for women's rights in Tehran during the past week, would also be expelled. "We have many problems and these people are adding to the problems," he said.

Miss Millett has been involved in demonstrations against the increasingly strict enforcement of Islamic laws on women.

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Mr. Schoenman, a former secretary to the late British philosopher Lord Bertrand Russell, was active in Britain's nuclear disarmament campaign in the 1960's.

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In effort to repair credit rating

Iran promises to repay all foreign debts in full

TEHRAN, March 16 (R)—Iran yesterday sought to improve its image in the world finance community, assuring foreign creditors that all debts would be repaid in full and on time.

The Central Bank of Iran called a news conference to try to repair some of the damage done to Iran's credit rating by the year-long revolution which toppled the Shah last month.

At the same time, however, the bank announced the appointment to its supervisory council of a highly controversial left-leaning economist reported to have advocated the cancellation of Iran's multi-billion dollar foreign debt.

The bank's new governor Said Abdul-Hassan Bani-Sadr and a Moslem clergyman, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, had been named to the council, but bank officials stressed that neither would be able to sway the institution's policies.

Mr. Bani-Sadr is considered one of the main influences on the economic thinking of religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Since returning to Iran with the Ayatollah at the beginning of last month, Mr. Bani-Sadr has been touring factories explaining his economic theories in simple terms to workers and sending shivers

down the spines of businessmen because of his unorthodox views.

Iran's foreign debt amounts to five billion dollars, according to the Central Bank. The governor, Dr. Mohammad Ali Mowlavi, and his assistants said repeatedly there would be no default and no attempt to reschedule this burden.

One of the main themes of the news conference was Iran's anxiety to restore its standing in the international money markets, apparently so that it might turn to the world banking system for help in reviving the shrunken economy.

Dr. Mowlavi said Iran's official holdings amounted to 10 billion dollars and one of the bank's senior executives, Fereydoon Naderi, stressed there were no financial problems for the Central Bank and that foreign banks had no reason to worry.

"We want to establish normal conditions for Iran in the international money markets," he said.

The Iranian government has fallen behind in the repayment of the interest due on various international loans. Mr. Naderi said all these obligations would be paid as soon as possible and that administrative problems were solely to blame for the delays.

Concorde comes 'bloody close' to collision over Kennedy airport

NEW YORK, March 16 (R)—A supersonic Concorde airliner narrowly missed a private plane on the flight path to Kennedy International Airport yesterday, touching off an angry complaint from British Airways.

"That was bloody close," a British Airways spokesman said.

The incident was believed to be the first "near miss" involving a Concorde. But the airline spokesman said the incident would have angered pilots of any plane.

The London-New York flight, carrying 57 passengers and nine crew, came within 300

metres of a single-engined Cessna aircraft as the Concorde was about 25 miles (37 km) out from Kennedy, according to a complaint filed by the pilot.

The spokesman said the complaint had been sent to the Federal Aviation Administration in the hopes that the FAA would re-examine its safety distance standards.

He said the Cessna pilot had not broken regulations, but had been unaware.

"It was a lovely, clear day. The pilot of the Cessna saw the Concorde and was sitting back admiring it," the airline spokesman said.

"There may not be any further action, but if we file a complaint, the FAA will have to investigate it," he added.

The FAA said the Cessna was within its proper airspace and the airline spokesman agreed there

was no danger of a collision.

The incident occurred at a height of 1,250 metres (4,000 feet), according to the Concorde pilot, whose name was not released.

In the worst air disaster in U.S. history, 144 people were killed last September in a mid-air collision over San Diego between an airliner and a single-engined private plane.

Concorde, the world's only supersonic airliner in regular operation, flies the Atlantic in three and a half hours at a speed of 2,320 kilometres per hour.

The plane was developed and built jointly by British Aerospace and French Aerospatiale, at a cost of \$5 billion over 15 years.

It went into commercial service with British Airways and Air France in 1977 after years of opposition from environmentalists.

Amin accuses U.K., U.S. of plotting against Uganda

NAIROBI, March 16 (R)—President Idi Amin, threatened by a Tanzanian-backed rebel invasion in southern Uganda, yesterday accused Britain and the United States of plotting against his country.

In a letter to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, the text of which was broadcast on Uganda Radio, President Amin talked of "a very serious and dangerous plan engineered by American and British imperialists in collaboration with Israeli Zionists."

He accused Britain, the U.S. and Israel of supplying arms to Tanzania for the anti-Amin invasion force, but gave no further details of the alleged plan, which he said was due to be implemented this week.

Radio Uganda quoted the president as saying the fact that British

and U.S. nationals had been advised to leave Uganda was a clear indication of their countries' involvement.

The text of the letter to Mr. Waldheim was circulated to missions at U.N. headquarters in New York yesterday.

News of the president's letter came amid reports from exile sources that anti-Amin forces were continuing to advance on Kampala after a major engagement with government troops on Monday.

The sources said the two sides were involved in fierce fighting on the outskirts of Mpigi, a village about 40 kilometres from the capital.

There was no confirmation by Radio Uganda of either the advance of the anti-Amin troops or of the redeployment of government forces.

World News Briefs

Belgium recalls 250 paratroopers from Zaire

KINSHASA, March 16 (R)—About 250 Belgian paratroopers sent to Zaire over a month ago began returning home yesterday. Belgian military sources said. All are expected to be back in Belgium by the end of the month. The sources said the paratroopers trained Zairean soldiers in the use of explosives, sure combat and patrols. Officially the Belgian troops were flown in to help train the Zairean Army under an agreement signed last year. But well-informed sources in Brussels said Belgium's decision was partly based on the discovery of a plot by Zairean opposition groups based in Europe to overthrow President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Direct train links Hong Kong, China

HONG KONG, March 16 (R)—The first direct train from China to Hong Kong in 30 years arrived here today from Canton on test run. The 14-coach air-conditioned passenger train coasted into Hong Kong's new railway terminus marking another milestone in growing transport links between the British colony and its communist neighbour. A regular service is expected to start next month. Today's 178 kilometre journey took just under five hours. Normally passengers have to change trains at the border town of Louwu and then undergo lengthy customs procedures.

Casualties reach 44 in Peking plane crash

PEKING, March 16 (R)—China today put the number of casualties in Wednesday's Trident airliner crash at 44—less than a quarter of the number originally feared killed. An official foreign ministry statement did not differentiate between deaths and injuries, merely referring to casualties. Neither did it say if many of the casualties were suffered on the ground when British-built transport plane crashed into a factory shortly after taking off from a military airfield in Peking's western suburb. Today's statement said the crash was due to "negligence on the part of the flight crew rather than that of ground maintenance work."

IATA expected to raise international air fares

TOKYO, March 16 (R)—The International Air Transport Association (IATA) will meet on March 28 in Geneva to consider higher air fares to offset increased fuel prices, a Japan Airlines spokesman said today. He said he expected the IATA would decide in favour of an increase in international fares following rising production cutbacks and shortages of jet fuel.

D'Eausta to make official visit to Moscow

PARIS, March 16 (R)—French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will pay an official visit to Moscow for talks with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev from March 29-31, the Elysee Palace announced yesterday.

Peking to get its first automatic traffic lights

PEKING, March 16 (R)—Peking will get its first automatic traffic lights next Tuesday, a police announcement in the Peking said yesterday. Traffic lights at present are manually operated, sometimes erratically, by police in yellow and red boxes. Drivers are not obeying the regulations, automatic lights—already used in Shanghai—could prove an interesting test of Peking traffic discipline.

Woman dies from rabies after eye operation

WASHINGTON, March 16 (R)—American Scientists reported the death of a woman from rabies after recent corneal transplant—the first recorded case of one person contracting the disease from another. Dr. Sidney Houff, National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Strokes said the 37-year-old woman died of rabies after receiving the transplant from a forester. Writing in the England Journal of Medicine, Dr. Houff and his colleagues said the deaths of the forester and the woman were at first attributed to a neurological disorder known as the guinea barne syndrome. Rabies virus was later discovered in the forester's eyes and the woman's eyes and brain tissue. Neither person had a history of animal bites. But Dr. Houff believes the forest probably been bitten by a rabid bat.

Brazil's new president promises democracy

BRASILIA, March 16 (R)—General Joao Baptista Figueiredo took office as Brazil's new president yesterday and pledged to turn the country into a democracy. In his inaugural speech the presidential palace shortly after he had been sworn in National Congress, General Figueiredo said: "My unfailing wish is to turn this country into a democracy."

The 61-year-old former cavalry officer is the fifth general to rule Brazil since a coup ousted the left-leaning government of Joao Goulart 15 years ago.

Jean Monnet, 'father of Europe,' dies at 91

PARIS, March 16 (AP)—Jean Monnet, the man known as the father of Europe, died today at his home near Montfort L'Amaury, sources at the headquarters of the European Economic Community reported. He was 91.

Mr. Monnet, a political economist, was the key figure in the drive to bind the free European nations economically and politically, but during his long career he constantly shunned the limelight.

His first major step toward European unity was a six nation pool of coal and steel resources which later became known as the European Economic Community.

Mr. Monnet was never a member of a government, but was, as American author Theodore H. White called him, "a broker of ideas." He brought statesmen together by demonstrating how his ideas were in the interest of those concerned, persisting when leaders resisted or hesitated.

He was born in the town of Cognac on Nov. 9, 1888, the son of a distinguished French distiller. He abandoned the idea of a university education and instead went to Canada to sell his father's cognac, a period he has described as invaluable background for bargaining.

"I can wait a long time for the right moment," he once remarked. In Cognac, they are good at waiting. It is the only way to make a good brandy."

In 1919 he became deputy secretary general of the League of Nations. He gradually expanded his experiences and contacts, reorganising the Chinese railways, floating international loans and handling legal entanglements. As a broker on Wall Street, he made a fortune and then lost it in the 1929 crash.

Mr. Monnet developed the art of making friends and influencing people. For five decades, he counted leaders of the free world among his close personal friends. Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy, Gen. George C. Marshall, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, British prime ministers from Winston Churchill to Edward Heath, and French leaders from Charles De Gaulle to Valéry Giscard d'Estaing liked and admired him and turned to him for advice.

Mr. Monnet developed the revolutionary theory that culminated in the Common Market: That nation-states can cooperate effectively only to the extent that they abandon parts of their sovereignty to a joint authority.

When Mr. Monnet retired from public life in 1975, he described the Common Market as "the major achievement of our era."

Brittany beaches white as ever as Amoco Cadiz sinks to its grave

PORTSALL, March 16 (R)—Winter storms have at last sunk the rusting hulk of the Amoco Cadiz off the coast of France, and the sea view from this Finistere fishing port is as idyllic now as it was before the fully-laden supertanker ran on to the Portsall reefs a year ago.

More than 200 kilometres (125 miles) of rugged coastline was polluted when the Liberian-registered vessel spewed out its entire 223,000-ton cargo of crude oil, hitting western Brittany's two staple industries—fishing and tourism.

Just 12 months later, the Finistere beaches are silvery white again, the fishing boats come and go with the tide and the region's hotel and restaurant owners are preparing for the holiday rush.

But the apparent return to normal has not effaced the bitter memories of that stormy night when Portsall residents woke up to the suffocating stench of the oil lapping on the beach and in the harbour.

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West Virginia coal rush

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Besides the relatively minor annoyance of rush hour traffic jams which residents claim rival New York City's, the acute housing shortage is on everyone's mind.

The area's terrain leaves less than ten per cent of the land available for housing. Mortgage money is hard to come by—especially to miners whose strike-prone occupation is considered by banks to be a poor economic risk—and the land for building is even harder to find.

In West Virginia, absentee landlords, i.e. land companies, control or own two-thirds of all private land. Because there are no large parcels of land for building, few contractors with any significant capacity have moved into the area.

To find a solution for the housing shortage in the Beckley area, nine local members of the United Mine Workers (UMW) have joined forces with nine coal companies in an unprecedented effort to work on the problem together.

Their combined clout has produced some land grants and sales from large landowners, and about 300 units for low and middle income residents are planned or are under construction. But these will hardly make a noticeable dent in the demand.

Deborah Tuck, executive director of Coal Field Housing, the union-coal company effort, bemoans the lack of federal attention given to the social problems caused by mine expansions.

"There's real failure to face the fact that the days of cheap energy are over," she says. "There is

more to the cost of coal than getting it out of the ground. There is just not enough money in the local base to make it possible for the industry to grow. Besides, it's unfair. These people are digging coal for the rest of the country, and they can't even get decent housing."

Over half the miners in the area are under 35, she says. "They feel they ought to be able to live in the same kind of homes as the ironworkers who are steelworkers or autoworkers."

Gone are the days when miners were underpaid victims of the profit-bungry coal companies. But most still feel their high salaries—about \$67 a day—are illusory. Mr. David Minshew, financial secretary of local 271 of the UMW, estimates his weekly earnings at \$400 a week. "But I leave \$100 in the pay envelope for taxes, and inflation gets a good chunk of the rest," he says. Frequent wildcat strikes cause him to lose about six weeks' work a year.

Nowhere is the American male's legendary attachment to his automobile more evident than in Beckley. There, a local columnist writes that most men remember the finer points of their first cars long after they have forgotten their first love affairs.

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